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SUBJECT: PRESS ARRANGEMENTS FOR PRESIDENT'S VISIT:

STATUS REPORT

REF A) WILLS/CHILES TELCON B) BUCHAREST (NOTAL)#

1. THREE HOUR MEETING THIS MORNING WITH MFA PROTOCOL AND PRESS DIRECTORATE OFFICIALS YIELDED FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

A) SUNDAY SCHEDULE FOR SINAIA STILL NOT AVAILABLE IN

FINAL, BUT SHOULD BE BY FIRST OF WEEK;

B) GOR FAVORING 30 TO 50 JOURNALISTS FOR SINAIA TRIP.

WE ARE PUSHING FOR MORE, BUT WILL NOT HAVE DEFINITIVE INFORMATION UNTIL MONDAY. SIZE OF PRESS CENTER TO BE ESTABLISHED IN SINAIA WILL BE COMMENSURATE WITH NUMBER OF JOURNALISTS WHO WILL BE ABLE TO COVER EVENT; APPROXIMATELY NUMBER OF TELEX AND TELEPHONE LINES CAN BE INSTALLED, HOWEVER, UNLIKELY THAT TICKER SERVICE CAN BE PROVIDED;

C) SATURDAY SCHEDULE FOR BUCHAREST VIRTUALLY CERTAIN;

IT APPEARS AT THIS POINT POOL COVERAGE WILL BE EMPLOYED AT ALL EVENTS SAVE AIRPORT ARRIVAL. WILL ADVISE ASAP RE PRESS MOVEMENTS, NEED FOR PRE-POSITIONING, ETC.;

D) ROMANIANS WILL BE ABLE TO ADVISE BY TUESDAY EXTENT TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WHICH THEY WILL CONTRIBUTE FINANCIALLY TO PRESS CENTER

EXPENSES;

F) TWO OR THREE AGERPRESS (ROMANIAN NEWS AGENCY) REPS AND A MFA PRESS DIRECTORATE OFFICIAL WILL BE ON DUTY FULL TIME IN INTERCONTINENTAL PRESS CENTER FOR LIAISON WORK;

G) INFORMATION PROVIDED REF A RE PAYMENT FOR TELEX MESSAGES AND TELEPHONE CALLS MADE BY JOURNALISTS CHANGED; MINISTRY OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS NOW INFORMS THAT U.I.T. CREDIT CARDS WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR CHARGES INCURRED ON PRESS CENTER'S 15 TELEXS AND 30 TELEPHONES FOR JOURNALISTS WHO DO NOT HAVE THIS KIND OF CREDIT CARD, MINISTRY REQUESTS THAT THEY INSTRUCT THEIR PARENT AGENCIES TO TELEX AUTHORIZATION FOR ANY AMERICAN OR INTERNATIONAL TELEX CREDIT CARD TO BE USED; THESE TELEX AUTHORIZATIONS SHOULD INCLUDE NAMES OF JOURNALISTS CONCERNED, CREDIT CARDS THEY WISH TO USE AND CREDIT CARD NUMBER, AND SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO MINISTRY OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS, TELEX NO. 11553, ATTN: MR. FLOREA; FYI-IN LIEU OF THESE AUTHORIZATIONS, MINISTRY SAYS IT WILL ACCEPT EMBASSY OR WH GUARANTEE FOR ANY CHARGES INCURRED BY TRAVELING PRESS. PLEASE ADVISE IF WH PRESS OFFICE WILL DO SO.

A THIRD METHOD OF PAYMENT FOR USE OF PRESS CENTER COMMUNICATION FACILITIES WILL BE IN THE ROMANIAN CURRENCY, LEI; A REPRESENTATIVE OF ROMANIAN EXCHANGE BANK WILL BE ON DUTY THROUGHOUT VISIT IN PRESS CENTER TO CHANGE TRAVELERS CHECKS TO LEI, OR TO CHARGE TO ANY OF MAJOR INTERNATIONAL CREDIT CARDS, INCLUDING AMEXPRESS, DINERS, CARTE BLANC, BANKAMERICARD, BARCLAY'S, HARD CURRENCY AMOUNTS FOR CONVERSION INTO LEI.

H) INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL ALSO HAS EIGHT TELEPHONE LINES AND FOUR TELEX MACHINES OF ITS OWN, FOR WHICH IT WILL ACCEPT ANY OF ABOVE COMMERCIAL CREDIT CARDS. IT SHOULD BE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT INTERCON TELEXS WILL NOT BE STAFFED 24 HOURS A DAY, WHEREAS PRESS CENTER TELEXS WILL.

I) TELEX AND TELEPHONE REPAIRMEN WILL BE ON DUTY THROUGHOUT VISIT IN PRESS CENTER.

J) ALL INTERNATIONAL RADIO AND TV CIRCUITS AND CONNECTIONS MUST BE ORDERED IN ADVANCE BY JOURNALISTS. ROMANIAN RADIO AND TV AUTHORITIES REITERATE THEY CAN ONLY RESERVE THESE CIRCUITS TO ROMANIA'S FRONTIERS. PLEASE ADVISE ALL MEDIA REPS DESIRING SUCH CIRCUITS TO MAKE RESERVATIONS FOR THEM BEFORE ARRIVING IN BUCHAREST.

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K) INFORMATION PROVIDED REF A RE COSTS FOR AP, UPI AND REUTERS TICKERS ALSO CHANGED. AGERPRESS NOW ADVISES THAT IF WHITE HOUSE CAN SUPPLY TICKER PAPER IN WHATEVER PLY DESIRED, THEY WILL DELIVER ON HOURLY BASIS THROUGHOUT VISIT REQUISITE COPIES OF ALL THREE TICKERS FOR TOTAL OF \$300, OR \$100 PER TICKER. PLEASE ADVISE IF THIS ACCEPTABLE, AND IF PAPER CAN BE BROUGHT IN FOR THIS PURPOSE (FYI-EMBASSY HAS IN STOCK SUPPLIES OF 7-PLY AND 3-PLY PAPER, BUT THESE ARE NOT

SUFFICIENT TO COVER THIS REQUIREMENT.)

2. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR REACTIONS TO ABOVE. PER REF A,
WILL FILE MORE COMPLETE COLOR BACKGROUND INFORMATION ASAP.
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